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**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR C**  
**20 & 21 FEBRUARY 2010**  
*“We welcome the stranger”*

**Parish Team**

Fr Peter Carrucan PP

**Pastoral Associates**

Sr Margaret Maher fcJ

Sr Catherine FMDM (VU)

Sr Maria Yen Bui MTGDL

**Chaplains**

Fr Philip Le & Fr Xua Nguyen

Vietnamese

Fr Lois Philippines

Fr John Malabar

Sudanese

**Refugee Worker**

Mathew Bul

Office Hours: Wed. 9am – 12 noon

**Business Manager/Secretary**

Sue O’Loughlin

Office Hours 8:30am/4:30pm Mon–Fri

**Parish School**

**Principal** - John Steele

Phone: 9366 2899

**Mass Times**

**Saturday:** 6pm

**Sunday** 9am, 11am, 6pm

12:30pm Vietnamese

**Other Masses**

1<sup>st</sup> Sun Filipino Mass 4:00 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Sun: Sudanese Mass 2.30 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sun: Malibar Mass 4:00 pm

**RECONCILIATION: (English)**

**Sat:** 10.00am - 10:30am

5:15pm - 5:45pm

**Thurs:** 7.00pm - 7:30pm

**Sun:** 12 noon - Vietnamese

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptisms take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month during a Mass. Preparation session - Thursday evening beforehand 7:30pm in the Church.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

If anyone is sick, it is appropriate that they receive the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing). Please ring the Parish Office for regular Communion of the Sick home visits.

**THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Six months notice should be given. Marriage preparation is necessary. Permission to marry in a church other than that of the bride or groom should be sought before making any arrangements. Church arrangements should be made

***Dear Friends,***

**ODDS & ENDS**

Sitting in front of the computer thinking: how many times more will I write “Dear Friends.” When it does come to an end, it will be 18 years of writing those words. Our part-time secretary, Virginia, has offered her resignation, because of family needs. We thank her for being with us, even for such a short time. Sue, our permanent secretary, had a fall and injured her hand in a sling. We were lucky her right hand is free. The building programme, together with the movement of the earth, is causing a lot of unevenness in the concrete. Be careful not to trip!

Parking is a problem; it will get worse as the hall is demolished in part. Be patient. Be considerate. Check the traffic signs. Make it easy for the locals to move their cars in and out of their driveways.

**LENT**

Is under way once more. Try and work into the time slowly; not being discouraged by failure to fast, to pray, to be generous. It is better to do something small and be faithful, than to take on too much and giving up. Whatever we promise, however we go, **DO SOMETHING.**

**Read the scripture for each day the readings are in the Newsheet**

If we do that we are putting ourselves into the mind of the repenting Church. If you have the Internet, google Lent and suggestions for prayer will follow. There is power in prayer. God bless our efforts and wash our hearts.

**Peace,**

*Fr Peter*



*An excerpt from the Holy Gospel according to Luke*

‘It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’



**STEWARDSHIP CORNER - THOUGHTS ON GIVING**

“ I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.” Deuteronomy 26:10  
This simple line from the Old Testament presents us with two challenges. First, do we bring God our first fruits – the best that we have to offer? Second, do we remember that everything we have has been given to us by God? We brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing from it. So why not share what we have while we are here.

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT****SATURDAY/SUNDAY 27/28 FEBRUARY****6:00 PM**

Reader: Chris Mead  
Arni Montoro  
Head Spec Min: Charlie Bartolo  
Spec Min: Angelo Bartolo  
Patsy De Abreu  
Jeanette Spiteri  
Reno Bartolo  
Dorothy Bartolo  
Janie Gatt

**9:00 AM**

Reader: Wilma Marmur  
Fred Storage  
Head Spec Min: Nalini Cruse  
Spec Min: Pauline Storage  
Phuong Ung  
Doris Gatt  
Gordon Walsh  
Arleen Walsh  
Anthony Naidu

**11:00 AM**

Reader: Paula Luansing  
Rita Martin  
Head Spec Min: Linda Fernandez  
Spec Min: Stephanie Choo  
Cita Carreon  
Akok Kiir  
Nina Desira  
Susan Hallorina  
Fedele Hallorina

**6:00 PM**

Reader: Charles Laririt  
Head Spec Min: Sharon Perena  
Spec Min: Ralph Perena  
Joanne Azzopardi

**PIETY STALL** 6 pm - J. Gatt  
9 am – Mini Eddy  
11am – L. Disco

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Week Beginning 22 February 2010  
Group 9 Jinky Monteros

**FOOD BANK**

Sun 28 Feb Anthony

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Tues: 23 Feb 9:00am  
Wed 24 Feb 9:00am  
Thurs. 25 Feb 9:00am  
Fri. 26 Feb 9:00am  
Sat. 27 Feb 9:00am

**DAILY GOSPEL READINGS**

Mon: Mt.16-13-19  
Tue: Mk.8:14-21  
Wed: Mt 6.:7-15  
Thu: Mt.7:7-12  
Fri: Mt. 5:20-26  
Sat: Lk. 5:43:48

**PROJECT COMPASSION 2010**

Project Compassion promotes peace by pursuing justice. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes and give generously this Lent. Your donations allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with communities to reduce poverty and hunger around the world. Project Compassion Boxes available this weekend.

**LENTEN PRAYER**

Each Wednesday after Mass and continues during Lent with Sr Helen Mary fcJ. Booklet \$5 each.

**PRECA CENTRE CATECHIST CLASSES**

Have now commenced. Please attend to late enrolments immediately.

**REFUGEE NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME (NILS)**

The applications for loans are numerous, but at present, we have a waiting list because of shortage of funds. We have met with the Good Shepherd Family Services to learn how we can access the generous grants for this type of care

**FOOD BANK**

Donations accepted for the next monthly Food Bank on 5 March. Fruit and vegetables available each Wednesday-Friday from 2-4 pm. Next meeting Wednesday 24 February 7pm Parish House.

**INVITATION TO PRAYER**

Friday 26 February 1:30 – 2:30pm at fcJ House, 7 Camara Street. Join in prayers for the parish.

**SINGING GROUPS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 27: 6pm Carmen  
Sunday 28 9am Charlie  
11am Fernandes  
6pm. Laririt

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Herta Todero, Anna Kotula, Angela Costa, Connie Agius, Kam Camilleri, Baskel Saliba, Viviana Santos, Sam Tabone, Peter Vu, Cecilia Bozickovic, Tennous Boulus, George Aquilina, Louis Thewma, Joseph Duca, Tom Milinkovic, Peter Disco, Tess Micallef, Matija Latjman, Wasyl & Maria Lusak.

**CRC ST ALBANS ENROLMENTS****YEAR 7 2011**

Applications must be handed into the College office by end February. Tours available. Contact Anne Stokie on 9366 2544 or [anne.stokie@crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anne.stokie@crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au) for further information

**PARISH THANKSGIVING**

New contributors always welcome! Donations may be made by credit card or direct debit if you wish.

Please take a card from the table in the foyer or contact the Parish Office during business hours on 9366 1310

**PARISH FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2010 – 15 prizes including 4 Ford cars. Tickets \$2. Parishioners are asked to take a book of 10 tickets and sell to friends. Available now.

**RCIA**

Two catechumens will attend the Rite of Election at St Patrick's Cathedral this Sunday at 2.30pm. Meets each Thursday at the Parish School from 7pm to 8:30pm. If you know anyone inquiring about our faith, please let them know about our meetings.

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARE**

An information session for Maltese carers – Friday 19 March 10.30am – 12 noon with light lunch. Enquiries to 9387 8922.

**FRIENDS NEEDED**

AMES needs friendly people with patience, a sense of humour, fluent English and 1-2 hours each week to help new arrivals learn English and settle in Australia. No qualifications or experience needed. Contact Rosemary on 9366 0433 or [harmanr@ames.net.au](mailto:harmanr@ames.net.au)

**CONFIRMATION 2010**

We welcome children and their parents of our Confirmation classes to Masses this weekend for the presentation of the Apostles creed.

“THE PASSION” produced by Mel Gibson – Sunday 14 March Village Cinemas, Airport West. Tickets \$10. Pre-bookings essential – Therese 0438 330 662 or 9309 4408. Sponsored by

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Fridays in Lent - 8pm English,  
Vietnamese & Arabic

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**GOSPEL LK 4:1-13***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you  
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

<b>VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR MINISTRIES</b>
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**FAITH FORMATION**

RCIA

Children's Liturgy of the Word

**WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION**

Music ministry

Choir member

Eucharistic Minister or Reader at Mass

Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick – housebound and hospital visits

Data Projectionist

Church Cleaner

Piety Stall

**PARISH OUTREACH**Food Bank – Monday to Friday or 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

Financial Advisor – No Interest Loans Scheme

**PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN A/S/A/P**

NAME .....ADDRESS.....

PHONE.....

**I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR .....**

# peoplespeak

gospel voices then and now

at a glance 

## Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

Confession of faith

All belong to God

Led by the Spirit

## Next Week

They saw his glory

Genesis 15:5-12.17-18; Psalm 26

Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36



## First Sunday of Lent Year C

21 February 2010

### in a nutshell

After Jesus is baptised, he is led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where he experiences our human temptations to usurp God's place in our lives. He feels the allure of being self-serving; of gaining worldly power over others; and of playing God. But Jesus displays true greatness by being attentive to God's word in scripture and confessing his faith that God has first place in his life.

## In a wilderness

Last year, while preparing for my pilgrimage to Compostella, I felt moved to make it an expression of Jesus' prayer: 'forgive us our sins as we forgive...' I also felt moved to ask God to forgive those that we cannot yet forgive.

There are so many trespasses in our world from those of us who have on those who have not. I decided to try to remember this when having to endure lack of shelter, comfort, water or food along the way. I can't help feeling guilty about having more than others, and for complaining when having to go without something dear to me. I didn't expect to change anything for those who are in need, but at least I would try to be with them in spirit and ask forgiveness for what they lack in life, which sometimes leads to their death. At the same time, I left with a heart full of thanksgiving for all that I have been given in my life, and for what I was confident I would be given along the way.

Despite disappointments, I kept walking. It was hard: alone all day, often near heavy traffic, and arriving each evening at primitive accommodation in very damp and cold former school buildings converted into youth hostels. Soon I didn't think of anything, and then a thought appeared that I attributed to St. Thérèse of Lisieux: 'make of every step an act of love' and a song 'the way of tears is a way of love'. And so I came to have Thérèse as a companion on the road. She helped me a great deal to go on and make of this pilgrimage an act of love without words... (continues next column)



## church below the rooftops Praise God's mercy!

... I arrived in Santiago and it rained cats and dogs until the pilgrims' Mass at midday. And guess what we sang at Mass? Entrance hymn: O praise the Lord, all peoples! Responsorial psalm: 'I will sing forever the mercy of the Lord.' They summed up the thirty-five days of walking. All I did and all I have to do is sing God's mercy. This is even more fundamental than asking forgiveness of our sins and asking God to forgive what we are unable to forgive others. God gives me so much more than I deserve or hope for. Often during the pilgrimage I was thinking that it's not so much what I did wrong that needs forgiving, but what I didn't do, the love I didn't give, the life I didn't share with others. And so these words gave me peace, and stayed in my heart as the seal of the 2009 pilgrimage.

It is said that each person is welcomed in Santiago in a way that is special for them, and I can agree with that. For me it's true! (Monique)

## Raise your voices

**Entrance antiphon:** When he calls to me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.

**Response to the psalm:** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

**Gospel acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Communion antiphon:** The Lord will overshadow you, and you will find refuge under his wings.



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